



FORMAL REPORT

To:	Mayor Stratthdee and Members of Council
Prepared by:	Jed Kelly, Director of Public Works
Date of Meeting:	12 September 2017
Subject:	PW 46-2017 Picnic Table Request Science Hill Drifters Snowmobile Club

PURPOSE

To re-engage in an agreement which had been formalized in 2016 and verbally agreed to in previous years for the storage and one time use of 35 Town picnic tables by the Science Hill Drifters snowmobile club during the 2017-2018 winter season.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approve the agreement between the Corporation of the Town of St. Marys and Science Hill Drifters Snowmobile Club, for indoor storage and single use of 35 picnic tables; and,

THAT By-Law 78-2017 authorizing the Mayor and the Clerk to sign the associated agreement be approved.

BACKGROUND

The Science Hill Drifters (SHD) were formed in 1993 and are an affiliated member of the Ontario Federation Snowmobile Clubs, with the main clubhouse located 1km North of St. Marys. In peak seasons they have seen as many as 2500 riders use local trails within the 8 week season.

SHD club has been receiving 35 tables for indoor storage during the winter months only to be used one day for their annual BBQ Fundraiser in late January. Discussions with previous Town staff would place the commencement of the verbal agreement approximately in 2005. In December 2016 Council authorized the CAO and Mayor to enter into a formalized agreement for storage and single use of the 35 picnic tables for the 2016-2017 winter season. The benefit for the Town is that the tables are stored indoors which helps to preserve their condition, ultimately requiring less maintenance.

This specific request has long standing history with a positive track record with many members physically residing in St. Marys. No adverse outcomes such as damages or missing tables have been noted to date.

REPORT

The Club is offering secure indoor winter storage for 35 picnic tables, only to be used once for the Club's January BBQ fundraiser. As of 2016, the Club is willing to provide insurance on the tables in case of loss at no cost to the Town; this will continue for the 2017-2018 winter season.

Allowing the tables to be rented outside of the Town limits is generally not permitted. However, this type of request is not without precedent. In 2016, Council granted River Rock Music Festival free use of the tables including delivery and pickup beyond the Town limits. SHD feels the snowmobile club,

and the sport of snowmobiling represents an economic benefit to the Town by providing support to various local businesses, thus, justifying their usage.

SUMMARY

It is preferable to store the tables indoors for the winter months, to ensure offseason maintenance occurs, Public Works intends to execute the maintenance before delivery in December 2017. This maintenance includes painting and replacement of defective components.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The Town would receive no monetary compensation for the tables, with the only direct benefit being secure indoor storage for the winter months, consequently reducing the overall life cycle maintenance costs of the tables. Direct financial implications to the Town would be staff labour and equipment charge out rates.

Total cost for delivery and pickup is \$800, including labour and equipment charge out.

OTHERS CONSULTED

John Hahn, Parks Operator A, Town of St. Marys
Dwayne Lawrence, President, Science Hill Drifters Snowmobile Club,


REVIEWED BY

Recommended by the Department



Jed Kelly
Director of Public Works

Recommended by the CAO



Brent Kittmer
CAO / Clerk